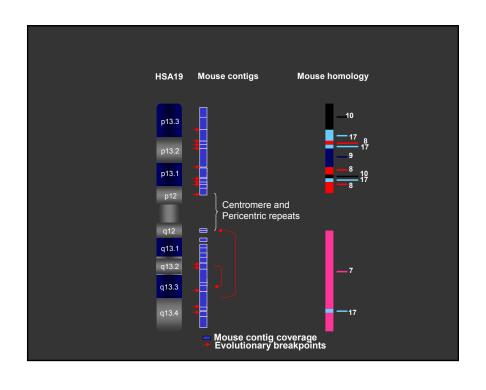
Human Chromosome 19: HSA19 Mouse homology • ~65 Mb length - ~ 1300 genes - ~17 Mb centromere + pericentromeric, ~2 Mb p13.3 additional gene "deserts" - 46 Mb contains most genes (~1gene /36 kb) p13.1 • 57 Mb contiguous clone map with 7 gaps p12 • ~43 Mb finished sequence, 14 Mb draft Centromere and Pericentric repeats • targeted for finishing ~7/02 q12 q13.1 • 15 homology segments related to q13.2 mouse chromosomes 7, 8, 9, 10 and 17 q13.3



Initial analysis focused on three major questions:

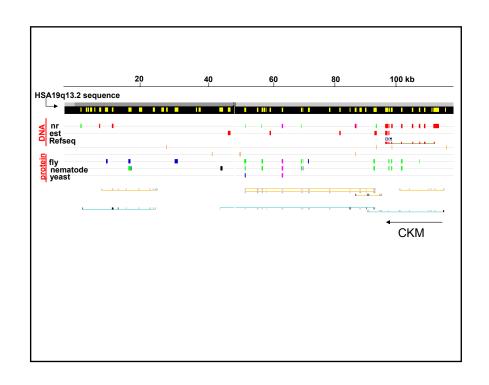
- Human sequence annotation:
 - what is the value of comparative alignments for gene finding and functional-element identification?
- Chromosome evolution:
 - have chromosome rearrangements that distinguish human and mouse chromosomes occurred at random or specific sites?
- · Gene evolution:
 - How do primate and rodent gene sets compare?

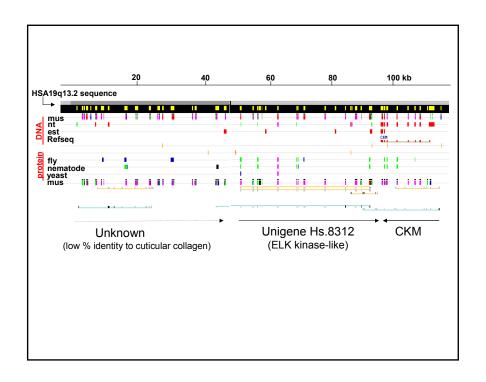
Value of mouse comparison as a sequenceannotation strategy

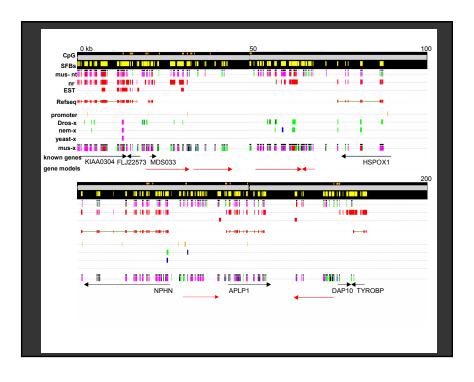
- · What did we gain by sequencing mouse?
 - Identification of many new candidate exons for partially sequenced known genes
 - Confirmation and definition of hypothetical genes
 - >4500 non-coding conserved sequences in ~1700 regions that are candidates for regulatory DNA sequence element

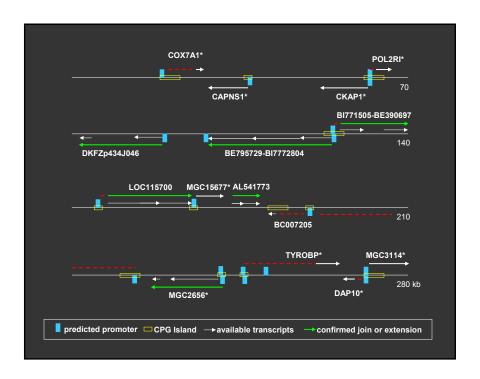
Next stage: creating a validated map of genes and associated regulatory sequences for HSA19 and mouse

- Defining the borders of known and predicted genes
 - in silico annotation: promoter and 5'exon prediction (with M. Zhang)
 - RTPCR, RACE to confirm gene models and define 5' and 3' ends
- Identifying and testing regulatory elements
 - Triaging promoter, enhancer candidates using high throughput reporter assays
- Linking cell-type specific expression to regulatory element structure
 - Gene expression is regulated at the level of specific cell types, but affected by tissue context
 - Can we decipher links between RE structure and specific patterns of gene expression?







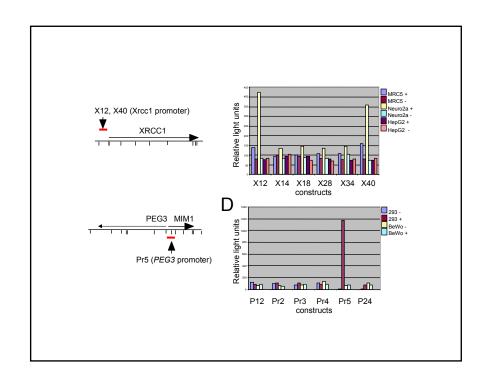


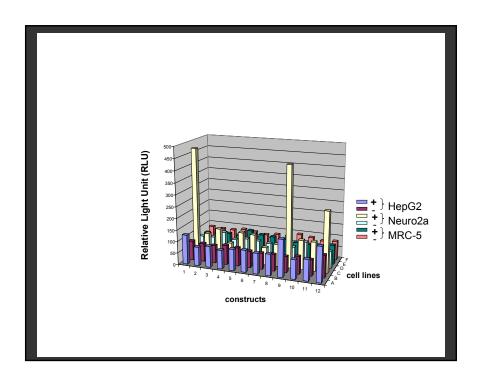
Triaging candidate sequences for regulatory function

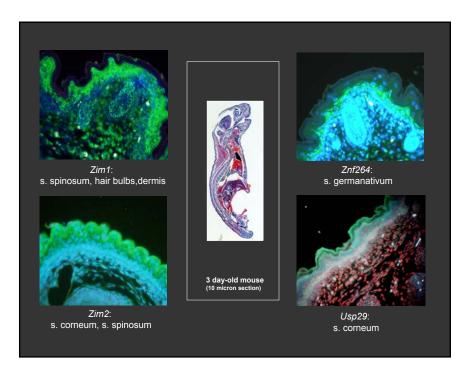
- PCR and clone putative REs into commercially available reporter-construct vectors
- Transfect candidates into arrayed cell lines in 96 well plates, using SAGE/ microarray expression data as guide, and measure luciferase activity



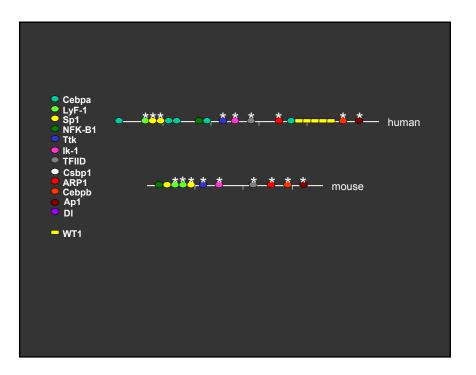


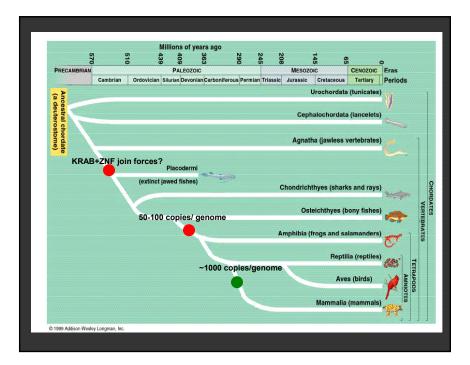












many new questions:

- Are specific structures and protein binding properties associated with specific patterns of expression? if so can we discern those patterns?
- Are species-specific differences between human and mouse regulatory sequences significant, or should we pay attention only to conserved features?
- What role does regulatory element sequence variation play in human disease susceptibility, individual variation and in speciation?

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